

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 14 – 22 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 13 have been cancelled.

### **1. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 14 – 22.

### **2. § 102 Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 5-7 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugawara et al. (US 5,837,026) in view of Murata (US 2002/0151426 A1).

Applicants point out that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is improper (see MPEP 706.02 IV., “...*for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. Any feature not taught must be inherently present*”). That is, combining references is not allowed. However, in view of Applicants' amendment, the rejection is moot.

### **3. § 103 Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable for obviousness over Sugawara et al. (US 5,837,026), Murata (US 2002/0151426 A1) and further in view of Admitted Prior Art (Specification , [0080]).

In view of Applicants' amendment, the rejection is moot.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

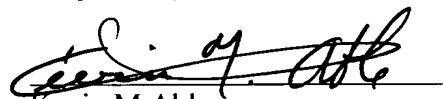
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Applicants believe that a one month extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Kevin M Able at 607-974-2637.

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Respectfully submitted,

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